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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A mass meeting of the cotton trade in Manchester, Eng., adopted resolutions condemning "gambling in cotton," and recommending an immediate resort to short time. —— Efforts are being made to save the steamer Lapsley, sunk in the Congo river recently. —— A laborer was killed and considerable damage was done to property by an explosion at an iron furnace at Lafayette, Tenn. —— Miss Ethel Revell, of Birmingham, Ala., heiress to a large fortune, has mysteriously disappeared. —— Mrs. John K. Orr was shot by a negro burglar at her home near Charlotte, N. C. —— The President has designated Secretary Root to conduct the Panama negotiations during the illness of Secretary Hay. —— Postoffice at West Point, Va., robbed by burglars. —— Capital Telephone Company organized in Raleigh. —— Insurgents attacked the city of San Domingo Sunday. —— Proceedings to recover $405,000 damages for sinking the Clyde steamer Kiowa, have been begun against the American Steamship Company. —— The French government does not believe that there will be war between Japan and Russia. —— Panic in New Orleans cotton futures market; prices went down sixty points. —— The two negroes at Council Bluffs who narrowly escaped lynching Monday night were yesterday taken to State penitentiary. —— Fire at Pittsburg, Pa.; loss over $300,000. —— The fight between young Corbett and Hanlon, at San Francisco, was won by Corbett in the 16th round. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firmer at 4@7 per cent; cotton quiet at 13 70c; flour was quiet, steady and unchanged; wheat—spot weaker, No. 2 red nominal; corn—spot steady, No. 2 54½c; oats—spot steady, No. 2 43c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 29.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 41 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 38 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since first of the month to date, 3.35 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 6 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—For North Carolina: Frir Wednesday and Thursday; fresh west winds, becoming variable.

Port Almanac---December 30.

Sun Rises	7.11 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.54 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport.	4.01 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	6.31 P. M.

Cave Panama! She has a standing army of 750 men.

Leap year comes again in 1904 and will be a specially interesting one for the girls.

Since his sharp practice in the Panama affair our President's name should be spelled Rusevelt.

Even if she could get 'em there, it would be a needless expense for Colombia to send 100,000 men to Panama. The little republic wouldn't hold that many men.

The distinguished Colombian General who has been making such desperate efforts to maintain the rights of his country ought to have known that the Panama question was *Reyes adjudicata*.

"Hanna has thrice refused," says the Atlanta *Journal*. Many a coy maiden has done the same thing and then said, "I will." Possibly, the sharpshooter of the *Journal* knows how it is himself.

Rev. A. B. Bartlett has made a most remarkable discovery. He says: "Let crime stop and there will be no more lynching." Scarcely less wonderful is the opinion expressed by Henry Clews that there will be more money in the market after the January dividends, amounting to $145,000,000, have been paid.

There is no cessation in the stream of immigrants coming to the United States, but they are not as a rule of the kind wanted. The immigration in the fiscal year of 1903 was over 100,000 greater than ever before in the history of the country, and for the current year it will be still more. And more than two-thirds come from Italy, Austria Hungary and Russia, an entire change from former conditions, when nearly all of the immigrants came from Northern Europe.

Christmas Tree on the Sound.

The Myrtle Grove Union Sunday school will give a Christmas tree at the Second Advent church, on Myrtle Grove Sound, next Friday night, Jan. 1st. The exercises will begin promptly at 8 o'clock P. M. The public is invited and good order will be maintained.

THE INCENDIARY CASE.

Preliminary Examination of Geo. Judge Begun Before Justice Fowler Yesterday—The Hearing To-day.

The preliminary hearing in the case against George Judge, the young white man charged with setting fire to the residence of Dr. J. H. Durham and to the boarding houses of Mrs. Annie M. Gilbert and Mrs. Register on last Saturday, was begun before Justice J. J. Fowler yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Owing to the fact that quite a crowd gathered to hear the case, the hearing was had in the court house.

Young Judge was present with his counsel, B. G. Empie, Esq. The State was represented by City Attorney Wm. J. Bellamy and Herbert McClammy, Esq.

Chief Charles Schnibben, of the fire department, was the first witness. He testified that he was at the fire at Dr. Durham's residence on Postoffice avenue and in his opinion it and the other two fires were of incendiary origin. He stated that on information received, he swore out a warrant for Judge and had him arrested.

James Durham, the young son of Dr. Durham, testified that he was at home when the fire was discovered, and stated that a short while before the fire broke out, he saw a man come from the third floor of the house where the fire occurred. The lawyers asked if he would know the man if he saw him again and when he replied that he would, they asked him to go and put his hand on him. Mr. Empie objected, but finally Master Durham pointed out Judge as the man.

Mrs. Durham also testified that she was on the second floor and saw a red-headed young man with light complexion and slight build come down from the third story. He said he had been to Mr. Grafton's room (the room in which the fire was afterwards discovered.) She would not swear that Judge was the man, but said the resemblance was striking. Other witnesses were also examined.

When the State rested, Mr. Empie moved for the discharge of the prisoner on the ground that the evidence did not show probable cause to bind him over to court. Justice Fowler intimated that he would overrule the motion, and then Judge was called to the stand. He stated that he drives a wagon for the Eagle Laundry, but that on Saturday he had a holiday. He denied positively that he was in Dr. Durham's house, and had never been there since about a month ago when he went to Mr. Grafton's room for some laundry and again went there to deliver it within the same week. He stated that he did not get up out of bed until 12:10 P. M. that day; that he got dinner at 1 P. M. and was at E. W. Pace's place, 114 North Front street, playing pool most of the afternoon. (The pool room is near Dr. Durham's residence and adjoins it at the rear.) He also stated that he left the pool room to go to Solomon's store; that he bought some cartridges at Springer & Co.'s hardware store, went to the laundry to get some change and returned to Pace's and again played pool. He also testified that he went to Mrs. Gilbert's previously to collect some laundry money, but she told him she would pay it some other day.

Messrs. Starkey and Pace and several young men testified that Judge was in the pool room most of the afternoon. As the defendant's witnesses had not all been heard, the hearing was adjourned over till 10 o'clock this morning.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other local, fourth page.

— Capt. J. T. Borden, of Charleston, government inspector of boilers, arrived in the city last evening. To-day he and Capt. F. B. Rice, inspector of hulls, will inspect the steamer "City of Fayetteville," which will close the list of inspections here for the dying year.

— Mr. William Niestlie, the enterprising druggist, has THE STAR'S thanks for the Chattanooga Medicine Company's excellent calendar for 1904. Besides the moon's phases and the weather indications for each day, there is a summary of DeVoe's weather forecasts, all of which features make this calender one of the best that is published.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Salt.
G. R. French & Sons—Greet you.
Wilmington Grocery Co—Hog jowl.
Platt & Haar—Received compliment
Academy of Music—"Becky Bliss, the Circus Girl."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Young Man—Position wanted.
Mechanics' Home As'n—New series.

Special Rates via Seaboard Air Line.

Charlotte, N. C., Annual Meeting Shriners. Tickets on sale Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th, final limit Dec. 31st. Fare for round trip from Wilmington, N. C., $7.75.

Atlanta, Ga. Department of Supt's. National Education Association. Tickets on sale February 21st and 22nd, final limit Feb. 27th. Fare for round trip from Wilmington $13 00.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 20th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street.

Services at the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison National Bank building, this evening at 8 o'clock. All are invited.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

Unsatisfactory and Inefficient Service It Renders to Business Men of Wilmington.

LOUD COMPLAINTS MADE.

A Statement Adopted in Which the Seaboard is Terribly Arraigned—Will Probably Appeal Matter to the Corporation Commission.

A special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the same being called to consider the inefficient and unsatisfactory service rendered to the port of Wilmington by the Seaboard Air Line.

Those in attendance were President J. A. Taylor, Secretary James Kyle and Messrs. L. B. Rogers, M. J. Corbett, N. Jacobi, J. S. Hooper, W. P. Oldham, T. C. James, C. C. Covington, J. T. Rankin, J. C. Stevenson, W. T. Searv, Walker Taylor, W. H. Sprunt, Ike Bear, P. Pearsall, W. H. Brown, Geo. R. French, William Calder, J. T. King, M. J. Heyer and H. K. Nash.

President Taylor called the meeting to order and stated the purpose for which the meeting had been called. Among other things referred to by Mr. Taylor was the recent order of the Seaboard Air Line authorities in discontinuing a lot of flag stations between Wilmington and Hamlet which went into effect about the first of December. He said the traffic committee of the Chamber took this matter up with the Seaboard Air Line authorities, protested against the order and asked that the flag stations be restored. The railroad management had refused to do so and the matter was laid by the committee before the Corporation Commission at Raleigh. In the last few days the railroad authorities have ordered the flag stations to be restored.

By request the secretary read the following resolution which Mr. S. P. McNair was to have offered but was unable to attend himself, viz:

THE RAILROAD ARRAIGNED.

We believe that the occasion demands an expression of opinion in regard to the policy of the Seaboard Air Line towards the business interests of Wilmington.

As respects the interior business of this railway, Wilmington offers the most advantageous port of entry, and such a commanding position would, with fair and intelligent treatment, make for the development of the business of this city.

Notwithstanding these natural advantages and potential possibilities, the policy of the Seaboard Air Line has been to restrict rather than to foster the development of this port. As respects this phase of the matter, we can do no more than appeal to the intelligence of the management, and as all such appeals have heretofore been unavailing, there must be a decided change in the policy of the management to justify the hope for better results in the future.

There is, however, another aspect of the case which should be given immediate relief, a relief which we think is easily within the possibilities of the management to accord. We refer to the inadequate transportation facilities and meager powers of the local agency at Wilmington. Some twelve months ago, Mr. Barr and other high officials visited Wilmington and had these matters presented to them by a representative gathering of our business men. The situation was laid bare to them and unanswerable reasons advanced why the business of this port should receive more enlightened treatment. After this interview, the hope was entertained that the situation would be bettered, but this expectation has been disappointed.

In view of the fact that Wilmington is one of the three Atlantic ports of the Seaboard System, it is but natural to suppose that the management would provide adequate facilities to meet public demands and for developing business, but it is notorious that the Wilmington Agency has never been clothed with powers commensurate with the responsibilities and possibilities of the position. Without fear of over-stating the case, we venture the assertion that the Seaboard Air Line is subjected to keener competition than at any other point on its lines, and yet the powers of the local agency are utterly inadequate to handle the situation in a comprehensive and progressive way.

Wilmington is, or should be, of sufficient importance to justify a Division Freight Agency, whereby rates could be quoted and business encouraged and developed. As a matter of fact, the Wilmington agency is without such power, and is possessed of no authority to do those things which, in the general course of business, the importance of this port demands.

For a number of years, and until quite recently, this office was not empowered to adjust the smallest claims, and even now, this authority has but slightly enlarged.

We submit that the business of this port is of sufficient magnitude and importance as to demand the clothing of the local agency with general and comprehensive powers. Wilmington contributed of her substance to build the Carolina Central railroad, and for a number of years it was one of her best feeders, but the situation under the management of the Seaboard Air Line has undergone a radical change for the worse, and we protest that our rights are denied and our interests neglected. We believe that this condition can be traced in no small measure to the circumscribed authority of the Wilmington agency, and we submit that the very fact of the limited powers of the Wilmington agency is a demonstration of the small concern felt by the general management for the interests of this port.

Not only are there no provisions being made to meet the growing demands of the business of this port, but the facilities for handling the present business are notoriously inadequate. The terminal equipment here is not only obsolete and inefficient but presents the air of rot and decay. The rails on sidetracks and switches are worn and in dangerous condition, and the rolling stock utterly inefficient, while, by common repute, the main line from Wilmington to Hamlet is unsafe and dangerous to travel. These conditions are reflected in reduced revenue to the road, for while the annual freight receipts for Wilmington are in excess of a million and half dollars, the Seaboard Air Line does not receive more then twenty per cent.

In view of the foregoing it is the sense of this Chamber:

First. That the policy of the Seaboard Air Line towards the interests of this port is in derogation of our rights and a palpable default on its charter obligations.

Second. That this Chamber demands immediate redress, and that such action be taken by this body as may be necessary to give relief.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

Mr. M. J. Corbett moved that the resolutions be adopted as the sense of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. H. Sprunt, after which there was a general discussion of the question.

Mr. N. Jacobi said he heartily endorsed the resolutions, and that every statement in them was true. He declared that it had been the policy of the Seaboard Air Line to treat Wilmington as a way station, that the Wilmington agency had no power and it was time to take action to improve the conditions.

Mr. L. B. Rogers spoke and said he was in hearty accord with the resolutions, but did not think they were proper just at this time. A new board of directors and new officers have just taken charge of the Seaboard Air Line and action should be deferred to give them a chance to see what they would do to give Wilmington better service. He did not wish to go on record as opposing the resolutions, for his firm had every reason to make complaint of the Seaboard's bad service. The adoption of the resolutions, however, at the present time might antagonize the new management and make matters worse.

Mr. M. J. Corbett said that was'nt possible.

Mr. C. C. Covington expressed it as his opinion that the Seaboard ought to be given only such business as its poor facilities deserved. In doing this, the merchants of Wilmington, instead of going to the railroad, would find that the Seaboard would have to send solicitors to them for business. He said only local business should be given to the Seaboard, or such business as necessity required. He also spoke at length of the poor passenger service of the Seaboard, and said that to go to Lumberton from Wilmington to transact business one would have to be away from home three days and two nights, whereas a Charlotte business man could reach Lumberton, transact business and return home the same day. What Wilmington needed was a schedule by which Lumberton could be reached and the return made the same day.

Mr. W. H. Sprunt, of the firm of Alexander Sprunt & Son, spoke in favor of the resolutions. He said he had occasion to go to Portsmouth to see the railroad management about the transportation of cotton, but it was the most unsatisfactory errand he ever went upon. He remarked that of about 250,000 bales of cotton handled by his firm the Seaboard only hauled 20,000 bales. This was on account of the inefficient service which the railroad company gave.

President Taylor stated that on one occasion when Mr. Glover was traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line, he had an interview with him about the discrimination against Wilmington in favor of Norfolk. In that interview he learned from Mr. Glover that from Atlanta to Norfolk the freight on a bale of cotton was 20 cents a hundred and from Atlanta to Wilmington it was 44 cents. In alluding to the unsatisfactory service given by the Seaboard Air Line he said he once had a Rockingham shipment on the road 17 days whereas it ought to have required only two days at the outside. He declared that for all the money Wilmington gave out for the construction of the Carolina Central it got no advantages. He stated that recently the Seaboard refused to put in a siding for the new cotton seed oil mill to be built in this city and the promoters had to locate their plant on the Atlantic Coast Line's tracks. He said the merchants of Wilmington ought to demand redress from the Seaboard management and if no relief is given, then an appeal should be taken to the Corporation Commission.

Mr. William Calder favored the resolutions. He said that in not furnishing facilities it appeared that the Seaboard did not want any business in Wilmington, or else the management of the railroad was not capable. It looked as if the management was incompetent, and it would strike a business man that such mismangement would have a bad effect on the Seaboard's bonds, and would affect the company's credit when it was necessary to borrow money. He said the matter ought to be laid before the directors and if no relief is given the management ought to be attacked.

Mr. C. C. Covington referred to the Seaboard Air Line's poor service again to say that the cars running out of Wilmington are kept in a filthy condition.

The statement was unanimously adopted, and President Taylor assured the Chamber that as a member of the traffic committee he would see that the matter is taken in hand and vigorously pushed.

Funeral of Mr. John F. Stoller.

The funeral of Mr. John F. Stoller took place yesterday at 11:30 A. M. at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, and was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Kegley and the Rev. Dr. Bernheim. There was a large attendance of friends to pay a parting mark of respect to the deceased, and they sorrowfully followed the remains to Oakdale cemetery where they were laid to rest. Many beautiful floral designs were laid upon the grave. The pall-bearers were as follows: Honorary, Messrs. F. W. Ortmann and J. G. L. Gieschen; active, Messrs. M. Rathjen, J. W. Duls, H. L. Vollers, L. Hanson, Wm. Niestlie and C. W. Polvogt.

THE POST OFFICE.

Miss Darby in Washington to Make a Fight in Her Own Behalf.

CALLED AT WHITE HOUSE.

She Did Not Get to See the President—She Will Not Get the Appointment, as the Office Must Go to a Party Worker.

In dividing up the Federal offices in North Carolina, there is such strenuous contention over the more important positions, that the power of assigning them is getting to be too big a job for Mr. Rollins, chairman of the Republican executive committee of this State. This we infer from the Washington correspondence in the Charlotte *Observer* of yesterday. The correspondent says it became known on Monday that Collector Carl Duncan and United States District Attorney Harry Skinner and perhaps other Republican oracles would go to Washington for "a regular Republican pow wow before the offices now under consideration are filled."

The fight over the Wilmington postmastership is on hotter than ever, since it was announced that Chairman Rollins had decided to recommend Mrs. Russell, wife of ex-Governor D. L. Russell, for the place. Miss Mary C. Darby, the present postmaster and who is a candidate for re-appointment, was supposed to have been eliminated from the contest, but not so. She is making a stronger fight than ever and left Wilmington for Washington on Sunday night. She is still there, and will probably be there two or three days longer, as a STAR representative was informed on good authority yesterday that the contest will not be settled for two days yet.

On the same train on which Miss Darby went to Washington was Mr. F. B. Rice, one of the government inspectors of steam craft in this district. He went on to help out his old friend, Mr. Thomas E. Wallace, who is making a strong fight for the postmastership. Mr. Rice returned to Wilmington yesterday, and made the statement that the postoffice matter had not been closed up yet. He said all had been settled about it was that Miss Darby would not be appointed, and that no appointment would be made for two days yet.

Ex Governor Russell left last night for Washington and it is certain that the appointment of postmaster will be deferred until he can see the President. Judging from what Chairman Rollins has said about the poor politics of giving the best office in the State to a woman instead of a worker in the party, it is safe to say that a new deal is on and that neither Mrs. Russell or Miss Darby will be appointed. Knowing ones are now pointing to John H. Gore, Jr., Esq., as Wilmington's next postmaster.

Chairman Rollins is still in Washington, and will have to be there some days yet, as he could not get an opportunity to have an audience with the President on Monday concerning the North Carolina appointments. The suspense of the expectant ones will, therefore, be prolonged, at least till after the New Year gets fairly on the way. The *Observer* correspondent, writing on Monday, says concerning Miss Darby's presence in Washington.

There will not be much left in the way of Federal patronage when the deck is cleared this time, and the Republican leaders want to feel their way carefully and make the supply now available go as far as possible. It is this sentiment that is accountable for the official undoing of Miss Darby at Wilmington.

Chairman Rollins is represented as having taken the position that politics was politics, whether found in the East or West, and that he did not propose to give the best office in the State to a person not in a position to render some service to the Republican party in return for the recognition. Most people here have accepted the viewpoint of the *Observer* that Governor Russell did unspeakable violence to the proprieties in so readily acquiescing in the compromise advanced by the Republican chairman that the office be given to Mrs. Russell, but Mr. Rollins turns a deaf ear to all such suggestion. He says ex-Governor Russell came to Washington as the active supporter of Miss Darby, but found, after remaining here a short while, that she had not the least chance of appointment, and, therefore, there was no other course open to the once Republican Governor unless he wanted to throw the office away. Mr. Rollins steadily refuses to see anything reprehensible in the act of ex-Governor Russell, and does not think his course is open to censure. Miss Darby is here and is apparently determined to fight her battles alone, undismayed by the desertions of those Republicans hitherto numbered among her friends. Miss Darby called at the White House, but failed to get an audience with the President. She was referred by the secretary of the President to the Postmaster General, and she went straightway to the Department. Here Miss Darby was permitted to look over the papers filed in the Wilmington case and was told that an appointment would, doubtless, be made for that office very soon after Congress convened.

Some have wondered if Miss Darby has done anything to alienate the support of Judge Robinson, the national committeeman. It will be recalled that it was agreed at the time Judge Robinson was given recognition as committeeman that his recommendation should be a potent factor in all Federal patronage matters. In fact, he was to be the referee in the east, and this Wilmington office is distinctly an eastern affair. While in Washington a few days ago Judge Robinson was heard to say very emphatically, and as a matter of fact this was concurred in by ex-Governor Russell, that the name of Mrs. Russell was not to be considered save at the request of Miss Darby. At the same time it is not clear what the national committeeman says could have to do with it if the State chairman was bent on giving the place to Mrs. Russell and her husband assented to the arrangement. As Chairman Rollins will not act until after the conference with the Republican leaders, and until a favorable opportunity to have an extended interview with the President, Miss Darby will have perhaps a week in which to prosecute her campaign. She is saying some uncomplimentary things of ex-Governor Russell, and it is presumed she will express her sentiments to the Postmaster General, who was not at the Department to-day when she called.

MOTORMAN DISCHARGED.

Mayor Springer Decides There Was No Evidence Upon Which to Hold Motorman Who Ran Over Mrs. Piner.

In the municipal court yesterday, Mr. W. A. Smith, the motorman on the car which ran over and cut off both the legs of Mrs. Pinner, was given a hearing by Mayor W. E. Springer. The charges was criminal negligence, but after examining several witnesses, the mayor decided there was not sufficient cause to hold the motorman for the upper court. The States witnesses testified that the car was running at an ordinary rate of speed, and that the motorman did his best to stop the car when he saw Mrs. Piner on the track. They could not recollect whether or not the bell was rung when the car approached Princess and Second streets where the accident occurred. The defendant did not put up any witnesses.

Mrs. Piner, who had both legs amputated, still lives but is not entirely out of danger yet. Since the accident the motorman has been out on a bond of $1,000.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. S. Hooper has returned from Jacksonville, Fla.

— Mr. J. J. Wolfender, of Newbern, was here yesterday.

— Mr. C. H. Polley, of Hallsboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. S. Farmer, of Wilson, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. G. Carrier, of Asheville, was here yesterday.

— Mr. M. H. Fowlkes, of Rockingham, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. W. B. Brice, of Wallace, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Col. H. B. Short, of Lake Waccamaw, was on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. J. E. Winslow, of Greenville, N. C., arrived in the city last night.

— Mr. Arthur Butler, of Berkley, Va., is the guest of Mr. C. H. Horton, this week.

— Miss Barbara C. Mallard, of Greeleyville, S. C., is here on a visit to Mrs. T. D. Love.

— Mr. Nathan O'Berry, of Goldsboro, came down last evening on his way to Whiteville.

— Mr. A. C. Hales and wife, of Fayetteville, were among the visitors in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. A. Washington, of Greensboro, was among last night's arrivals at The Orton.

— Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Saunders are spending the holidays with relatives at Beaufort.

— Mrs. C. W. Bidgood and her little son Charles left yesterday for Virginia to visit relatives.

— Mrs. H. L. Fennell and children went to Greenville yesterday to spend a while with relatives.

— Capt. C. G. Lynch, with the Atlantic Coast Line at Charleston, was here on railroad business yesterday.

— Mr. James H. Taylor returned yesterday from Charlotte where he and his wife had gone to visit relatives

— Mrs. Bessie G. Stickney, of Wilson, is in the city on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. B. Boyd, 509 Princess street.

— Mr. Samuel J. Springer went to Washington, N. C., yesterday, where Mrs. Springer is spending the holidays with relatives.

— Fayetteville *Observer*, Dec. 29: Mrs. J. E. Bunting, of Wilmington, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. T. Oates, is quite sick.

— Mr. Pat W. McGowan, editor of the *Harbinger*, a paper published at Raleigh in the interest of organized labor, is in the city. Mr. McGowan is a brother of the lamented Capt. Jas. M. McGowan.

— Mr. Milton Calder left yesterday afternoon for Charlotte to attend as a delegate the annual Province Convention of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity to be held in Charlotte this week. He was elected to represent the Wilmington Alumni Association, composed of twelve members.

Laid to Rest.

The funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Hill Styron took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the First Baptist church and was largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist church, and the singing was by Mrs. F. A. Muse, Mrs. C. D. Weeks, and Messrs. A. S. Holden and Charles Dushan. Miss Cannie Chasten was the organist.

After the service at the church the remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery and many beautiful floral tributes were laid upon the grave. The following were the pall-bearers: Honorary, Dr. R. E. Zachary, Dr. D. W. Bulluck and Rev. John R. Marshall; active, Messrs. M. W. Jacobi, J. T. Riley, Jas. A. Montgomery, Philip Heinsberger, Jno. J. Fowler and J. Weil.

Rehder's Rehder's

THE STORE THAT PAYS YOUR CAR FARE.

A Happy New Year!

We wish you both a happy and prosperous New Year. Hope that your visits to this store in 1904 will be very frequent. Daily we shall place before you the best of values and assure you that what we advertise will always be as represented. The announcement of our usual

January White Sale

will be made in a short time.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

dec 27 tf 615, 617, 619 North Fourth St.

We Have Received

Compliment after compliment on the selection of our holiday stock. We are thankful for same.

We have been equally as careful in selecting our stock for

SPRING, 1904,

and trust we shall deserve a continuance of compliments from the buying public. We wish you a happy New Year.

Platt & Haar,

dec 30 tf we sa 114 Market Street.

We Greet You,

Our many friends and patrons, and wish you all a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Thanking you for past favors and soliciting a continuation of same. We are yours

Very respectfully,

Geo. R. French & Sons.

dec 30 tf

THE BIG COTTON PORTS.

Wilmington Stands Fifth in Point of Receipts--Twice as Large as Charleston.

We do not suppose that you have failed to notice that New York telegram in the STAR a few days ago concerning the total receipts of cotton at the various ports shows that Wilmington stands fifth in the list of cotton ports in the world.

Here is the list of the big five: Galveston, 1,725,928 bales; New Orleans, 1,199,008 bales; Savannah, 859,592 bales; Norfolk, 313,090 bales; Wilmington, 235,155 bales.

After Wilmington, Mobile and Charleston come next in that order. The total season's receipts at Charleston have been 135,852 bales—not quite half the receipts at the port of Wilmington.

The value of one firm to a city can be seen in the receipts at Wilmington. While Wilmington has many natural advantages, the enterprise of Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, cotton exporters, is responsible for Wilmington's position as a cotton port.

Pretty Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday-school of Grace M. E. church was given last night in the lecture room. The room was beautifully decorated with wild smilax and long leaf pine boughs, and there was a handsome Christmas tree of long leaf pine. The tree was brilliantly lighted and was elaborately decorated. At its base was piles of candy in boxes, and oranges, apples and nuts in bags.

The exercises opened with a song, after which there was a prayer by Presiding Elder R. B. John. Then followed a song, and a cute welcome address by a little tot, Margaret Beery. There were songs by the infant and primary and junior classes, and a nice recitation by Miss Leila Morris, who recited "A Christmas Dilemma." "As of Old," was another recited by Miss Louise John, and all were most admirable and highly enjoyed by the big crowd present.

After a beautiful talk about Christmas, by the pastor, Rev. N. M. Watson, the presents were distributed among the children. They were a happy lot and the occasion was greatly enjoyed.

Mabel Paige a Winner.

It seems almost impossible for the Mabel Paige Company to appear otherwise than to a "crowded house" in the fullest sense of the term. Last night the company's great production of "Our Young Minister" was a decided success and was fully up to the standard of Monday night's performance. The scenery and stage effects were all new and pleasing and the specialties were of their usual high order.

To-night the comedy drama, "Becky Bliss, the Circus Girl," will be the offering. On Thursday night "The Girl from the West," and on Friday night "Tennessee's Pardner" will be the bill.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be a special matinee for ladies and children. The price of admission will be 10 and 20 cents. Seats will be on sale at 8 o'clock this morning at Plummer's.

— The Christmas tree for the benefit of the children of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd will be given tomorrow night at the chapel.

Folding Bed!

For sale a double Folding Bed of Finest Quality, with Springs and Mattress. Everything as good as new. Will be sold for half its value. Has a large Mirror, and when folded is a handsome piece of furniture.

For further information apply at the

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1,000 Bags Salt.

Immediate Shipment.

W. B. COOPER,

de 30 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Important Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all parties concerned that all pipe connections with water, gas or sewerage mains on Market street, between Second and Fourth streets, will have to be made at once before paving is done, as no permits for tearing up these streets will be given after said work is finished.

WM. E. SPRINGER,
no 25 6w we fr su Mayor.

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ONE WEEK.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 28th.

Return of Wilmington's favorite.

MABEL PAIGE,

and an excellent company.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT,

"BECKY BLISS, THE CIRCUS GIRL"

Prices—10, 20 and 30 cents.

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Hog Jowl and Peas.

We will supply you with the above for your New Year's dinner.

Send your orders.

WILMINGTON GROCERY CO.,

JNO. L. BOATWRIGHT, Manager.

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The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 30.

SOUTHERN RAILROADS.

The New York *Evening Post* says that no securities company controlled a situation so completely judging by present appearances as the Southern Railway Company now dominates the territory of the South-East. Louisville and Nashville, as is well known, is absolutely in the control of the Atlantic Coast Line, which, in turn is friendly to the Southern Railway, and the *Post* points out that interests closely connected with the latter are upon the new Seaboard directorate, in company with the representatives of the Rock Island system. It further says the Illinois Central management is friendly with all, and that the management of the Southern Railway, which is the leading spirit of the whole, is vested in a voting trust, with Mr. J. P. Morgan and his policy in control.

The Seaboard as an independent road, has always been a source of anxiety to the other railroads of the South. For some time past the Seaboard had been giving no trouble in the matter of rates, but when it got into difficulties the other Southern roads were very uneasy lest the road should go in the hands of a receiver, for nobody knows what a receiver may do, and there was a sigh of relief among the managers of the Southern, the Coast Line and the Louisville and Nashville, when it was announced that the Seaboard had succeeded in making its financial arrangements.

President Williams has time and again stated that the Seaboard is to remain an independent line, and it has been denied by him and by Mr. Harry Walters, of the Coast Line, that the road has passed into the hands of the Southern Railway. That is true, for neither the Southern Railway, nor the Atlantic Coast Line can, under the laws of South Carolina, own the Seaboard road. But the New York *Evening Post* is doubtless correct in saying that under this new arrangement, a community of interest will be established among the four principal railroads of the South, and hereafter they will work harmoniously together. This does not mean that there will be no competition between these roads. Competition will be active, and each road will do the best it can to secure business. But it does mean in our opinion, that there will be no more disastrous rate cutting, and it is also our opinion that this is in the interest both of the railroads concerned and of the general public. A uniform rate is what the public wants, provided the rate be reasonable. It is also to be considered that the railroads are most important factors in the development of the South, and they are in themselves great industries. They give employment to large numbers of men, and when they are prosperous the country which they pass is benefited. Some people seem to think that it makes little difference to the general public whether the railroads are prosperous or not. But one might as well say that it makes no difference to the general public whether or not any others of the large industries of the land are prosperous.

The recent Seaboard deal has cleared the atmosphere and put the entire railway affairs of the South in a much better situation.—*Richmond Times-Dispatch.*

THE SCOURGE AT BUTLER.

The terrible epidemic of typhoid fever continues at Butler, Pa. In little more than thirty days there have been 1,254 cases of fever out of a population of about 18,000. Up to December 13th the number of deaths from typhoid fever was 51, and from other causes 41, making 92 deaths in little more than thirty days. The distress and suffering is awful and the mayor of Butler has issued a call for financial aid for the poor of the city.

The scourge has practically put an end to business, and when it is stated that 14,000 people depend on their daily wages for existence, the distressing situation during this severe mid-winter weather can to some extent be realized.

Up to the latest report, the contributions for the sufferers amounted to $25,000, of which $18,000 was spent for general relief purposes in a period of 14 days, leaving a balance of $7,000 which would last only a week.

The mayor of Butler says in his appeal for aid:

"Physicians who have experience in epidemics of this character, insist that we are confronted with a siege that in all human probability will continue to a later or less degree for a period of from two to three months from this date, and that it will involve an expenditure of from $75,000 to $100,000 before the scourage will be completely eradicated and the normal condition of our community restored."

We are glad to note that Southern cities are contributing to the relief of the people of the affected city.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

Why is there so much discouragement in the Republican party? Why is it that so many Republicans, including not a few who are in more or less prominent official positions, are despondent over the outlook for 1904? We give out no secret, nor do we stretch the truth in the slightest degree, when we assert that a feeling of gloomy apprehension is more common among Republicans than cheerful confidence. What is there in the situation to warrant all this?

Why should the horn of the Democracy be exalted and its spirits lifted to buoyancy? Beaten in every election since 1892—in five successive Congressional and two successive Presidential canvasses—having not a single Northern State except Nevada that they can confidently call their own, why do we find the Democrats looking to 1904 with far less of doubt than their long-victorious and well-intrenched opponents?

A study of the present status of parties, as indicated by election returns of all the States, shows that nothing less than a landslide can bring in the Democracy. But more than one landslide has come in that party's direction, and the Republicans—or a great many of them—seem to feel that another incident of that kind impends. This may be true, in spite of apparent probabilities, and, we may add, nothing could be better calculated to make it true than Republican discouragement. The floating vote, which is too often the decisive factor, does not float into the ranks of the discouraged.—*Washington Post.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Patience—Do you like duplicate whist? Patrice—No; I don't like anything which sounds like double-dealing.—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Mrs. J.—I wish you wouldn't snore so. Mr. J.—I have to, my dear, otherwise the other boarders would hear you.—*Columbia Jester.*

— Fat Old Party—Say, sonny, do you know where I can get a haircut? Street Urchin—Soitenly, guv'nor, on yer head.—*Columbia Jester.*

— Changed His Mind—I thought it was a case of love at first sight. "It was. But he concluded that second sight was best."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "What enables a young engaged couple to be so happy?" "Why, each thinks he or she's getting more than he or she's giving." —*Detroit Free Press.*

— Willie—Say, ma, what's a "counter-irritant?" Mrs. Schopper (snappishly)—Most any sales person nowadays is counter-irritent.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Bargayne—There's an agitation to reduce the price of theatre seats. Mrs. Bargayne—Oh, Henry, won't it be lovely when one can buy a matinee ticket for one dollar and forty-nine cents!—*Town Topics.*

— Wright—He's quite a well-known writer. Penman—Indeed! What does he write about? "The sun and moon and stars." "Oh, he's a space writer, is he?"—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— Agent—Well, did the preparation I sold your grandfather make him seem younger? Stubb—Yes; we gave him an overdose and ever since he has been crying and playing with a rattle.—*Chicago News.*

— Mr. Finnick: In all my life, Miss Egeau, I have met only two women whom I would really care to marry. Miss Egeau: And—er—what was the other one's name, Mr. Finnick?—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

— "We will never give up," said the South American military leader. "Give up what?" asked the coldly practical man. And after a moment of reflection the military leader candidly replied: "Anything we can get our hands on."—*Washington Star.*

— "No" said the little centipede to the ladybug, "we never have any Christmas at our house." "You don't?" sympathetically asked the ladybug. "No; by the time mamma gets all our stockings hanging up it's almost New Year's Day."—*Judge.*

— Miss Roxley—In planning your Christmas gifts, pa, have you thought of Count Brokeleigh? Mr. Roxley—Huh! Why should I give him anything? Miss Roxley—You misunderstand me, pa. I mean have you thought of him as a gift to me.—*Philadelphia Press.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

For the Christmas Holidays the Atlantic Coast Line announces a rate of one and one-third one way fares plus 25c for the round trip between all points south of the Potomac and Ohio Rivers and east of the Mississippi River. Tickets on sale December 23rd, 24th, 25th: also 30th, 31st and January 1st, 1904, with final limit January 4th, 1904.

For the accommodation of students and teachers of schools and colleges the Atlantic Coast Line has arranged round trip rates as above, December 16th to 24nd, with final limit January 8th, 1904.

The train service of the Atlantic Coast Line is unexcelled. For tickets and full information apply to Ticket Agents.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agt.,
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For over Sixty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup and take no other kind

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* The Kind You Have Always Bought

CURRENT COMMENT.

— Great as has been the progress of the middle west in the last twenty-five years, it has been enormously exceeded by that of the cotton States. And this forward movement in the South has just begun.—*Washington Post.*

— The most influential labor leaders of the country are very strong in their conviction that the scrupulous observance of contracts is the best foundation for the permanent success of the unions. They believe that contracts should be made with deliberation and care, and that when made they should be respected. The more rapidly the individual unions put this policy into practice the better it will be for them and their cause.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— We are assured from Washington that after we get Panama there'll be no more land to conquer. Uncle Sam will have had enough of the empire business. We do not know so well about that; one act of piracy leads to another, but if he'll only quit now and exert his future overplus of energy digging the canal the people will be satisfied and agree to help him out in his present extremity. A suspicion lurks somewhere, however, that as soon as he gets the canal he'll go off marauding somewhere else. The taste for "expansion," it is said, is about as strong as the taste for blood; once acquired it can never be thoroughly satisfied.—*Chattanooga Times.*

— A gentleman who has just been to New York, and while there talked with a number of influential Democrats, is of the opinion that Gorman is the strongest candidate the Democratic party can put up There is little doubt that many of the business men in the Republican party would support Mr. Gorman rather than President Roosevelt. It is stated in the Washington papers that Mr. Gorman is clearly the favorite among the Democratic members, regardless of where they are from. Evidently he will have a strong following in the convention; in fact, if the convention were held now, there is hardly a doubt that he would be nominated. — *Raleigh Times.*

— The fact that pneumonia is infectious seems to be impressing itself on physicians, and orders have been given in this and other cities requiring prompt reports to be made of all cases of the disease. More lives are lost at this season of the year, particularly in this kind of weather, from pneumonia than from consumption. In Chicago in 1860 the deaths from pneumonia were four out of every 10,000; in 1880 the quota was 13, and in 1900 it was 20. This shows a startling increase, all the more striking because of the decrease in the deaths from consumption. This disease in 1860 killed 25 out of every 10,000 and in 1880 it took 17, and in 1900 the number decreased to 15. But in that year pneumonia killed 20 in 10,000, or 25 per cent. more than consumption.—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Is there to be no limit to the automobilist's ambition for more power and more speed in his car? Barney Oldfield's eighty-horse power racer has been regarded as a monster of power for a racing machine, but it is to be far eclipsed by a car that is being built in France for an American of the name of LaRoche. This machine is to have two seats of quadruple engines, one over each axle, that will develop together 180 horse-power—enough to drive a saw mill or small cotton factory. All of this power is to be applied to driving a car weighing less than 3,000 pounds around or along a track, for the purpose of clipping a few seconds off the record. The designer of the apparatus promises that it will go a measured mile in forty seconds or less. The cost will be about as much as that of a town house and lot.—*Savannah News.*

Agreed on One Point.

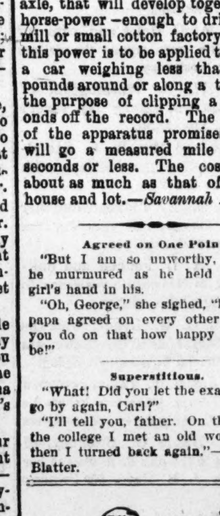
"But I am so unworthy, darling," he murmured as he held the dear girl's hand in his.

"Oh, George," she sighed, "if you and papa agreed on every other point as you do on that how happy we could be!"

Superstitious.

"What! Did you let the examinations go by again, Carl?"

"I'll tell you, father. On the way to the college I met an old woman, and then I turned back again."—Fliegende Blatter.



The Start

In married life is generally made on an equal footing of health in man and wife. But how soon, in many cases, the wife loses the start and fades in face and fails in flesh, while her husband grows even more rugged and robust.

There is one chief cause for this wifely failure and that is, the failure of the womanly health. When there is irregularity or an unhealthy drain, inflammation, ulceration or female weakness, the general health is soon impaired.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures womanly diseases. It establishes regularity, dries unhealthy drains, heals inflammation and ulceration and cures female weakness. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

"A little over a year ago I wrote to you for advice," says Mrs. Elizabeth J. Fisher, of Diana, W. Va. "You advised me to use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' which I did, and with the most happy result. I was troubled with female weakness and bearing-down pains. Had a very bad pain nearly all the time in my left side, nervousness and headache. Was so weak I could hardly walk across my room. Could not sit up only just a little while at a time. My husband got me some of Dr. Pierce's medicine and I began its use. Before I had taken two bottles I was able to help do my work. I used three bottles in all and it cured me. Now I do all my housework. It is the best medicine I ever used."

The Common Sense Medical Adviser, in paper covers, is sent *free* on receipt of 21 one-cent stamps to pay expense of mailing *only*. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION FOR WEAK WOMEN.

NERVOUS PEOPLE.

SOMETHING YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

"No nerves and never irritable." This is what our well known druggist, Robt. R. Bellamy, says people report after taking Vinol. "It is remarkable," says Mr. Bellamy to the editor of the STAR, "how many people buy sedatives and all sorts of opiates to quiet and deaden the nerves, when they are weakening their entire nervous system by doing so.

"Nerve troubles are easily cured," continued Mr. Bellamy. "It is simply a case of treating the general weakness, not the nerves alone, and that is just what Vinol does in the most direct and simple manner possible. It cures nerve troubles because it builds one up and makes one strong all over. It invigorates the entire nervous system, makes new blood and vitality.

"Vinol contains no drugs, and you know what you are taking—simply the medicine curatives found in the cod liver oil dissolved in a delicious table wine and a little organic iron added. It is fast superseding old forms of cod liver oil emulsions because it is so dilicious to the taste and has such marvellous vitalizing power.

Such letters as the following prove what Vinol will do. Mrs. Elizabeth Richards of 32 E. Montcalm St., Detroit, Mich., writes: "I was very weak and suffered from nervous prostration, tried all sorts of medicines without relief. I have now taken four bottles of Vinol, and it has brought back my health and strength."

Miss Lizzie Leary, of Burlington, Vt., says she was a nervous wreck, and Vinol restored her to perfect health.

Miss Edythe M. Perry, of St. Paul, Minn., says Vinol cured her of nervousness and insomnia.

And so we might go on quoting from hundreds of such letters; and it is for this reason that we say to every nervous, run down and debilitated person in Wilmington try Vinol and if it does not cure you, come back and get your money. Robt. R. Bellamy, Druggist.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice, Dec. 29th, 1903.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Lilie Anders, Anner Anderson, Julia Cameron, Mary Jane Carr, Mary Coston, Mame Daniel, Gussie E Durham, Alice E. Fuller 2, Carrie Gore, Sallie Hearris, Sallie Hobbs, Sile Hunter, Anna Johnson, Mrs. K. McKenne, Elizzie Marine, Mary Marshell, Virginia B. Middleton, Bettie Nixon, Mrs. L. Ohans, Mrs. Henry Phillips, Viola Potter, Emma Rayner, Mrs. W. F. Roberts, Lizzie Robinson, Mrs. J. M. Turner, Ema Wells, Mrs. L. Williams.

MEN'S LIST.

L. D. Baer, E. S. Bannerman, Dircey Brockett, Henry Bress, George T. Cumsey, Rev. B. J. Carry, Charley Donaldson, B. C. Loyd, Frank Green, Hampton Guano Co., Jake Hand, Isham Harnde, J. M. Hart, Nathan Heath, Jas. C. Highsmith, G. P. Holden, J. F. Holmes, Jas. Hunter, Eles Jenrett, Liston Judge, L. R. King, Hardy Mathis, Haywood Millington, Lee Moore, C. C. Peterson, A. Phuton, Rev. M. T. Plyer, Jno. T. Pollard, R. R. Powers, Jas. Madison Roach, Ed. Rowell, J. L. Sellers, Jas. S. Sellars, Jackson Smith, J. Q. Smith, S. C. Smith, Tim Tincher, J. B. West, Daniel Wilds.

One cent due is charged on letters advertised.

Letters to strangers or transient visitors to a town or city, whose special address may be unknown, should be marked in the lower left-hand corner with the word "Transient."

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

RAILROAD CURVES.

Delicate Engineering Required to Make Safe Riding.

Mr. George Pullman once said when asked the secret of easy riding that the secrets are so many that no one can keep them. This is true, but the easiest of curves is one of them.

Curves, no matter how slight, have always been laid as arcs of true circles. The outer rail is raised according to the sharpness of the curve and the estimated speed of the trains that are to go round it. A mile a minute train on a one degree curve needs an outer rail five inches higher than the inner rail; a slower train a lower elevation. It is clear from this explanation that a train going faster than the maximum for which the track is prepared would shoot off the rails. Conversely, a slower train than the one provided for would grind the flanges off its wheels. Any road must strike a serviceable average for trains of varying speeds, and engineers must nurse their locomotives around the curves as close to it as possible. That puts an inevitable check on high speeds. The Empire State express once made a burst for two miles of 102 miles an hour on a straightaway section of track. A heavy curve would have shot the engine at that top speed a quarter of a mile across country. On most roads, however, sixty miles an hour is quite safe, though very costly.

To permit such speed the engineers of the last few years in relaying tracks instead of starting a true circle curve with the sudden lift of the outer rail that causes the jolt and lurch that travelers know have laid a light parabolic curve from a point a hundred yards back on the straight track and have elevated the outer rail imperceptibly along that curve to the maxim. The result of the device—in practice quite new—has been the annihilation of curves as regards a passenger's senses. With eyes shut he cannot tell whether the track is straight or curved. —World's Work.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Clyde steamer Navahoe, Johnson, New York, H G Smallbones.

A Neighbor of W. J. Bryan.

I am glad of this opportunity to testify to the beneficial effects of Cheney's Expectorant. During the past winter it did not fail once to cure my cold or to give instant relief to coughing.

A. A. BRADBURY.
Lincoln, Neb.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 29.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c bid per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.10 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.25 per barrel for hard, $3.80 for dip, $3.80 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 53½c; rosin firm at $1.35@1.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $1.75, 2.80@2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	2
Rosin	63
Tar	88
Crude turpentine	156

Receipts same day last year—31 casks spirits turpentine, 210 barrels rosin, 156 barrels tar, 15 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm at 13.20c per pound for middling.

Same day last year, market firm at 8⅛c for middling.

Receipts—769 bales; same day last year, 1,401.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm, Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy. 77½c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish 85c.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 15@30c; springs, 20@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5¼@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Money on call was firmer at 4@7 per cent., closing bid 4 per cent., and offered at 4 per cent.; time loans firmer; sixty days, 6 per cent.; ninety days 5@5½ per cent.; six months 5@5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.80@484.10 for demand and 481@481.10 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates were 481½@482 and 485@485½. Commercial were bills 480½@480¾. Bar silver 55⅞. Mexican dollars 43¼. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 106; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 107¾; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 133; do. coupons 133¼; U.S. 4's, old, reg'd, 109¾; U.S. 4's, old coupon, 110¾; U.S. 5's, registered, 101¼; do. coupon, 101¼; Southern Railway, 5's, 114¾. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 88¾; Chesapeake & Ohio 34; Manhattan L 144¾; New York Central 120¼; Reading 46¾; do. 1st preferred 77½; do. 2nd preferred 60; St. Paul 146¾; do. pref'd, 175; Southern Railway 21⅝; do. pref'd 79; Amalgamated Copper 51; People's Gas 98⅜; Tennessee Coal and Iron 39¼; U. S. Leather 7⅛; U. S. Leather, preferred, 77; Western Union 86¼; U. S. Steel 11⅝; do. preferred 57½; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 29¼; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100 bid; sales — shares. Standard Oil 668.

BALTIMORE, MD, Dec. 29.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 11@11½; do. preferred, 22@23; do. bonds, fours, 70@71. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 106½@107½; do. preferred, —.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 28.—Spirits turpentine steady at 55½@55¾c; no sales. Rosin steady; sales — barrels; A,B,C, $2 15; D, $2 15, E, $2 15; F, $2 15; G, $2 20; H, $2 25; I, $2 45; K, $2 70; M, $2 80; N, $2 95; W G, $3 15; W W $3 40.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 29.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 56¼c; receipts — casks; sales 598 casks; exports — casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 1,018 barrels; sales 277 barrels; exports — barrels. Quote: A, B,C, $2 25; D, $2 25; E, $2 25; F, $2 25; G, $2 30; H, $2 35; I, $2 55; K, $2 80; M, $2 90; N, $3 05; W G. $3 25; W W. $3 50.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Opening weak at an advance of one point to a decline of eleven points, the cotton market to-day ruled sensationally active with fluctuations that for rapidity, violence, breadth and irregularity have not been witnessed before in the recollections of the trade. Cables at first were steady, but later eased off under what was described as American selling, and after the local opening prices for the first few minutes ruled very weak under liquidation, showing at the end of the first fifteen or twenty minutes net losses of about twenty to twenty-five points. Following this the local bull leader started buying and prices advanced to about the final figures of the previous night. This was toward the beginning of the second hour, and during the balance of the morning fluctuations, while very irregular, showed a downward tendency until shortly after midday they were at about the lowest point so far for the session, with March selling around 13.91, May 14.00 and July 14.03. The market had rather a steady look around this level when suddenly there came such an outburst of selling as has rarely been seen. In less than no time prices were tumbling. July sold down from 13.66 to 13 50 in two sales while March reached 13.35 and May 13.48, these being net declines of a little over three-quarters of a cent. Almost at once, however, the big bulls started buying; the room executed a right about face and within thirty minutes from the beginning of the break prices had recovered nearly half a cent of the loss. Then the market tamed down somewhat and prices moved irregularly. The close was steady at a net decline of forty-one to fifty three points. Sales were estimated at 1,500,000 bales.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Cotton quiet at 13.70c; net receipts 731 bales; gross receipts 24,621 bales; stock 75,680 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady; December 13.29, January 13.33, February 13.48, March 13.67, April 13.73, May 13.80, June 13.79, July 13.79, August 13.45.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 40 points lower; middling uplands 13.70; middling gulf 13.95c; sales 1,654 bales.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 60,026 bales; exports to Great Britain 11,169 bales; exports to France 25 bales; exports to the Continent 11,963 bales; stock 1,003,824 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 149,838 bales; exports to Great Britain 11,823 bales; exports to France 17,031 bales; exports to the Continent 34,440 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico 1,341 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,095,317 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,472,736 bales; exports to France 513,285 bales; exports to the Continent 1,549,047 bales; exports to Japan 21,849 bales; exports to Mexico 18,444 bales.

Dec. 29.—Galveston, quiet at 13⅜c, net receipts 13,379 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 4,000 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 14.00c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 14 10, net receipts 504 bales; Wilmington, firm at 13.20c, net receipts 769 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 13.70c, net receipts 83 bales; Savannah, quiet at 13⅜, net receipts 9,507 bales; New Orleans, steady at 13⅜c, net receipts 22,077 bales; Mobile, quiet at 13⅜c, net receipts 1,354 bales; Memphis, firm at 13½c, net receipts 3,210 bales; Augusta, quiet at 13¾c, net receipts 4,065 bales; Charleston, quiet at 13¼c, net receipts 223 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Flour was quiet, steady and unchanged. Wheat —Spot weaker; No. 2 red nominal. Options opened firm and advanced on rains in Argentine, the bullish crop report and covering. After a reaction under bear selling the market recovered on the strength of Northwest markets, only to break a second time under selling pressure, particularly on December, which closed 3c lower against no change in May. Sales—May closed 87½c; July closed 83¼c; December closed 91¾c. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 54¾. Options were generally firm all day on unfavorable weather West, light country offerings. Closed net unchanged: May closed 51c; December 52½c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 42c. Options nominal. Lard nominal; refined steady. Pork firm. Butter firm; extra creamery 23c; State dairy 14@20. Cheese quiet; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12c; late made 10c; small white, September 12c; late made 10c. Peanuts quoted steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@5c; other domestic 3¼@5c. Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 12@2 37; Jerseys $2 00@2 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@3 50; State and Western sacks $2 10@2 25. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $20 00@25 00; per 100 $6 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12. Rice quiet. Tallow firm. Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania nearby average best 37c. Sugar—Raw nominal; fair refining 3c; centrifugal 96 test 3½c; molasses sugar 2¾c; refined sugar quiet Cotton seed oil was quiet and a shade easier at quotations: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 29@30c; prime summer yellow 36¼@37c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 39@40c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The fact that millers were buying May wheat at Minneapolis offset various bearish factors in wheat to day. Closing prices were steady, with May a shade lower. Corn closed ⅛c lower and oats off ⅛c. Provisions 5c to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Cash prices: Flour active and firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 81@84; No. 3 spring 80@82½c; No. 2 red 83¼@84c. Corn—No. 2 42¼c; No. 2 yellow 44. Oats—No. 2 35¼@35½; No. 3 white 35@37½c. Rye—No. 2 52c. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 25@12 37½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 65@6 67½. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 37½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, —. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 37½@6 50 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest an closing: Wheat—No. 2 December, new, 81½@81⅝, 81⅝, 81¼, 81⅝c; May 84⅛@84⅝, 84¾, 84, 84¼; July 78¾@78⅞, 79, 78⅜, 78¾c. Corn—No. 2 December 41¾, 42, 41¾, 41½c; May 45@45¼, 45⅛@45¼, 44⅞, 44⅞c; July 44⅝@44¾, 44¾@44⅞, 44⅜, 44⅜c. Oats—No. 2 December 35⅞, 35⅞, 35, 35c; May 37⅝@37⅞, 37¾@37⅞, 37¼, 37¼@37⅜c; July 34⅞, 35, 34⅛, 34⅝c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 22½, 12 22½, 12 07½, 12 07½; May $12 55, 12 62½, 12 45, 12 47½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 67½, 6 70, 6 62½, 6 62½; May $6 90, 6 92½, 6 80, 6 80. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 30, 6 30, 6 22½, 6 22½; May $6 57½, 6 60, 6 52½, 6 52½.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 7 3-16c; mild firm; Cordova 8¾@13c. Futures opened steady and unchanged to an advance of 5 points on further Brazilian news. Realizing was heavy, however, the market closing steady at 5 to 10 points lower. Sales 143,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29.—Cotton: Spot, in limited demand; prices four points higher; American middling fair 7.76d; good middling 7.60d; middling 7.50d; low middling 7.44d; good ordinary 7.34d; ordinary 7.14d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 300 bales were for speculation and export and included 2,600 bales American. Receipts 34,000 bales, including 18,700 bales American.

Futures opened firm and closed easy; American middling (g o c): December 7.29d; December and January 7.28@7.29d; January and February 7.28d; February and March 7.27@7.28d; March and April 7.27d; April and May 7.26@7.27d; May and June 7.26d; June and July 7.25d; July and August 7.24d.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 30.

STEAMERS.

Caprera, (Br) 2,197 tons, Connell, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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SCHOONERS.

Edward Stewart, 353 tons, Mitchell, C D Maffitt.

Jennie Lockwood, 376 tons, Hatchhorn, C D Maffitt.

Eliza A Scribner, 357 tons, Dodd, to master.

Herald, 474 tons, Simmons, C D Maffitt.

Aetna, 297 tons, Chipman, C D Maffitt.

Helen G Moseley, 502 tons, Gray, C D Maffitt.

Millie R Bohannan, 579 tons, Smith, C D Maffitt.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

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OF WILMINGTON, N. C.
At close of business November 17th, 1903.
Organized 1892.

RESOURCES.			LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts		$1,023,333 05	Capital Stock	$125,000 00
Bonds		318,800 00	Surplus, etc	183,136 85
Real Estate		30,000 00	Circulation	125 000 00
Cash in Vault	$ 70,721 76		Deposits	1,346,266 29
In other Banks	336,046 33	406,770 09		
Total		$1,779,403 14	Total	$1,779,403 14

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court made in the special proceeding of Mary E. Willis, Executrix of J. W. Willis vs. M. E. Willis et al., the undersigned commissioner will expose for sale to the highest bidder at public auction for cash at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 12 o'clock M., on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1904, the following lots of land situate in said city:

1st. Lot beginning at a point in northern line of Wooster street, 180 feet west of W. line of Ninth street, runs west with said line of Wooster street 67 feet, north parallel with Eighth street 6 feet, east parallel with Wooster 67 feet, south, parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to beginning. Part Lot 6, Block 66.

2nd. A lot beginning on the N. line of Wooster street at a point 180 feet west of W. line of Eleventh street, runs thence north parallel with said line of Eleventh street 66 feet, west 45 feet south, 66 to Wooster street, E. with northern line of Wooster street 65 feet to beginning. Part of Lot 6 Block 68.

3rd. Lot beginning at a point in Lot 3, Block 38, 84 feet from western line of Ninth street, north, parallel with Ninth street 83 feet, with Dawson 32 feet, thence south parallel with Ninth street 88 feet, east parallel with Dawson street, 32 feet to beginning.

4th. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Mulberry and Fourteenth street, runs with western line of Fourteenth street 114 feet, west parallel with Mulberry street 80 feet to small branch, southeast with the run thereof to north line of Mulberry street, thence with north line of Mulberry street, eastwardly to the beginning; same being less by 10 feet on Fourteenth street than the whole lot and being east end of Lot —, Block 470.

WALTER P. GAFFORD,
dec 19 1m Commissioner.

Silver Salt.

It's a pleasure to clean Silver, Gold, Cut Glass or anything that shines with

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We carry our pipes to your property line without charge, and rates do not go into effect until service is rendered.

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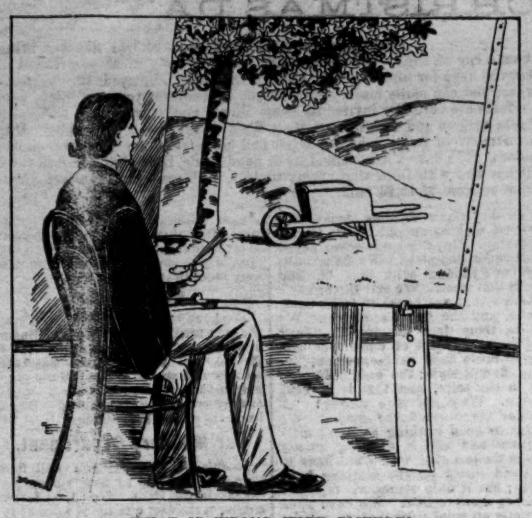

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No. 381, Black and light Chocolate or Castor Coat, best goods, without Cape, at $5.98; has been selling at $8.

No. 461, A good Coat in latest style at $2.98. We have the box or light back and will guarantee to save you from $2 to $6 on a Coat. I also have a full line of Misses long Coats from 65c to $6.75 each.

Don't forget our 69c Kid Gloves; they are the same other stores charge you $1 and $1.50 for.

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Our fine Pattern Hats will go at Cost; $10 Hats $7, and $8 Hats for $5, and $5 Hats for $3.50, $16 Hats for $10. Our ready to wear Hats that were $2.75; all reduced to $1.50.

Misses' and Children's Hats that was $1.75 now 75c.

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A new lot of wide Lace Collars 39c, $1, $1.50, $2; the collar with stole effect, Batenburg work; come nearly to waist, for $2.50.

A new lot of fine Skirts to arrive Tuesday, December 15th.

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TRAPPING A THIEF

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"Of all postal employees," said the special service man, "the letter carrier has the greatest temptation thrown in his way. He goes out over his route with hundreds of letters and is sorting and resorting until he can give a pretty good guess at the contents of each one. There is, however, but one course for him to pursue. He must make up his mind to be strictly honest. If he cannot withstand temptation he is doomed. He may escape detection for a few weeks or even months, but there is nothing surer than that he will be caught in the end. And one of the most powerful weapons of the post office inspector is the decoy letter. It trips up more rascals in the service than all other schemes combined.

"Before the day of postal notes, money orders and the registry system people used to inclose bills in their letters. There has been no falling off in the custom. It is calculated that one out of every ten letters mailed has at least a dollar bill in it. The sum total for the year runs up into the millions. The percentage of dishonest postal employees is very small, and yet on their account all the honest ones must be watched.

"He who steals knowing that the chances are ninety-nine to one that he will be discovered must be either very desperate or very silly, or so you will argue. And yet when you take the case of a post office employee you generally find that he is an intelligent person and had no pressing need to turn thief. If you will take up the case of each individual letter carrier convicted during the last five years you will discover that the temptation has been less than $30 on the average and that none of them had pressing need of the money. There are, no doubt, plenty of employees who have stolen a letter or two and gone no further, but it is also true that, after the ice is once broken, a person seldom holds up until exposure comes. Letters containing money are easily "spotted" by the handlers, no matter how much pains you go to to conceal the contents.

"I had a case in a western city five or six years ago which astonished me, even though I was old in the business and seldom surprised at anything.

"A boy had come into the post office and so conducted himself for a long term of years that he was at last made assistant chief clerk. He had the absolute confidence of postmaster and all employees. During his time there were three different inspectors on that route, and all "banked" on him, as the saying is. He aided us to detect three or four thieves in the office, and such was his reputation for integrity that no change of administration could remove him.

"One day I was sent out there on an investigation; something crooked in the office. I consulted with the postmaster, and he turned the whole case over to 'Honest Abe,' as the boys called the man I refer to. He was anxious to help me straighten things out, and he seemed to make every effort in that way. I was about the place for a week and failed to get the slightest clew. Then, unknown to any one, but more by accident than design, I employed a method which I cannot allow you to make public. The result was that I arrested the assistant as he was leaving the building and found no less than twelve money letters in his pockets. Even with that evidence of his criminality bulging out of his pockets he was on his way to my hotel to see me and propose a trap by which the guilty party could be caught.

"He had a wife and three children. His salary allowed him to live more than comfortably. What did he want of the money? To buy lottery tickets. He was buying them at the rate of $200 per month, hoping to make a big strike. When his house was searched we found 165 one dollar tickets for the current drawing, but he intended to make the number an even 200. In six months he had purchased over 700 tickets, and yet all his prizes did not foot up $100. It isn't six months since he left prison where he served his sentence.

"I believe, and it is the belief of all officials of the postal department, that that lottery did more to dishonor postal employees than all the other temptations combined. Thousands of letters containing one and two dollar bills were constantly passing through the mails. A percentage of the employees who handled them argued that the lottery was dishonest and under the ban of the department and that the money would be lost to the sender even if they didn't steal it. In two years I alone detected fourteen dishonest employees and brought them to justice. I will relate one case which had some special features.

"A railway mail clerk on a certain run south of the Ohio river was under suspicion. The suspicion arose from a singular circumstance. He was a single man, thirty years old, and had only his salary to live on. His name was among a list of donors for a fund to erect a church, and he had given $725. When I found this out I dropped all other clews and concentrated on him. While I was watching he turned in $275 more, thus bringing his subscription up to $1,000. One day after I had all my plans laid I entered his car and held him up. He had thirty letters in his pockets, all of them containing money and addressed to the lottery. He attempted no defense and urged only one excuse. He thought the money had better go into a church building than into the coffers of the lottery. He had not converted a penny to his own use, and he frankly acknowledged that it was his intention to steal $2,500 and then quit." M. QUAD.

His "Character."

There was an opening for a butler in the family where Bridget was cook, and she promptly applied for the position in behalf of her brother.

"I take it that his reputation morally is all that could be expected," suggested madam.

"'Xuse me, but would you min' saying that question over ag'in?" asked Bridget.

"I say," repeated madam, "doubtless he is a man of moral character."

"Sure, mum, sure—but I don't know if I'm afther un'erstanding you."

Madam waxed slightly impatient. "Oh, is he a good man, Bridget?"

"Good, is it? Sure, he could lick th' eyes out of any shpalpeen from Cork to Kilkenny!" was the enthusiastic reply.—New York Times.

Their Privilege.

Applicant—And if we want certain changes made in the flat—

Janitor—Well, when people want 'em very bad they generally move.—Brooklyn Life.

Something Missing.

Little Mildred, aged three, said one day when she stood up:

"Isn't it funny when folks stand up they haven't any laps?"—Little Chronicle.

BE A REAL WOMAN.

No. 805 Pease Avenue, HOUSTON, TEXAS, May 14, 1903

I was barren during the six years of married life, suffering with painful menstruation and a dozen other aches and pains. I was a poor excuse for a wife as I was not able to be up more than about half the time and daily grew weaker and weaker.

Wine of Cardui changed me into a different woman in five short months, made me robust and strong, ready and willing to assume the burdens and duties of married life and to enjoy its pleasures.

I am very grateful to you for my good health and am today blessed with a baby who is the pride of our home and this is all due to your medicine. You will not wonder then that I am grateful to you.

Mrs. Charley Mason

VICE-PRESIDENT, HOUSTON MOTHERS' CLUB.

WINE of CARDUI

Wine of Cardui brings health to sick women. Wine of Cardui brings children to barren homes. Wine of Cardui transforms sick wives into real women—women who glow with health and are full of life.

Mrs. Mason was an invalid, a type of the thoroughly discouraged woman. By taking Wine of Cardui she has secured perfect health. She has become a happy mother and now rejoices in the life which was once such a burden and a sorrow to her. A man can be almost an invalid and keep about but the troubles which generally afflict women are so vital that as Mrs. Mason said of herself "I was a poor excuse for a wife".

No woman should allow herself to remain in this condition. How can any refuse the health Mrs. Mason has? Wine of Cardui is freely offered to all. Any woman may secure exactly the same relief if she will take Wine of Cardui. Wine of Cardui is not a strong medicine but it is a certain cure for menstrual irregularities. It will not do impossibilities but it does cure bearing down pains, makes motherhood possible for barren wives and relieves the pains at the monthly period. Secure a bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

All druggists sell $1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

Axle Grease For Southern Mails.

Representative Bankhead of Alabama was making his annual speech in congress for the appropriation for the southern fast mail. "All it will cost," he said, "is the sum of $143,787.75."

"You seem to know all about it," interrupted Representative Hank Smith of Michigan.

"I do," replied Representative Bankhead.

"Well, then, what is that 75 cents for?"

"Axle grease," said Bankhead promptly.—St. Louis Star.

His Dearest.

Wife—Do you love me as much as ever?

Husband—I reckon so.

Wife—Will I always be the dearest thing in the world to you?

Husband—I am sure you will unless the landlord raises the rent.

How She Felt.

"How do you feel after your ordeal?" asked the fair divorcee's friend as they came down the courthouse steps.

"Feel?" repeated she, with a gurgle of triumph. "I feel completely unmanned!"—Houston Post.

The question of who founded Rome isn't half so interesting as the identity of the gentleman who made her bowl.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall., Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, } Superior Court Before the Clerk.

Edgar Milner and wife Nancy Milner, Ollivias Waddell and Sophie Miller } Plaintiffs

vs.

John Rhew alias John Miller and Lucy Rhew alias Lucy Miller. } Defendants.

It appearing from an affidavit filed in this cause, that the above named defendant, Lucy Miller, is a non-resident of this State and cannot, after due diligence be found in this State and that a cause of action exists in plaintiffs favor against the said defendant in that said defends t is a tenant in common of a certain lot in the city of Wilmington at the northwestern intersection of Fanning and Anderson streets fronting 83½ feet on Fanning street and 66 feet on Anderson street, with the other parties to this action and that a sale thereof is deemed necessary to make a partition or division thereof.

Now these are, therefore, to notify the said defendant, Lucy Miller, to be and appear at my office in the Court House, in the city of Wilmington, North Carolina, on Wednesday, the 6th of January, 1904, and answer or demur to the petition, this day filed or judgment will be granted according to the prayer th reof.

This the 24th day of November, 1903.

JOHN D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County. we no 25 6t W

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T. D. LOVE, Agent.

South Atlantic Transit Co.

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CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS,

LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.00 P. M.	4.45 P. M.
96 10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.
†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or daily freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 18 tf

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ATLANTIC COAST LINB.

Schedule In Effect Aug. 2, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 42
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 01 p m	9 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 35 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 23 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 25 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 58 p m	3 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 4 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Washington	11 40 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 28 a m	9 13 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 05 a m	11 22 a m
Ar New York	7 15 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 49
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 12 p m	2 27 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 43 p m	11 40 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 37 p m	1 00 p m
Ar Wilson	11 18 p m	1 59 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7 16 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 45 p m	7 00 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	3 25 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar Savannah	6 30 p m	1 00 a m	6 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9 00 a m	1 15 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	10 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 30 a m	6 30 p m
Ar Savannah	12 40 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	4 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Florence	7 35 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 50 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	Ar	7 50 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m	Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar	12 15 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.
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Seaboard

Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Aug. 30, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington 3:15 p. m. arrives Lumberton 5:55 p. m., Pembroke 6:30 p. m, Maxton 6:45 p. m, Hamlet 7:35 p m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p m, arrives Lumberton 2:15 a m, Pembroke 2:55 a m, Maxton 4 05 a m, Hamlet 5:00 a m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a m, Hamlet 8:40 a m, arrives Maxton 9:25 a m, Pembroke 10:02 a m, Lumberton 10:27 a m, Wilmington 12:45 p m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 10:45 p m, arrives Maxton 12:35 a m, Pembroke 1:20 a m, Lumberton 2:15 a m, Wilmington 7:00 a m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 30 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Monroe	9 05 a m	12 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....
Ar Chester	10 35 a m	1 35 a m
Ar Greenwood	12 32 p m	3 43 a m
Ar Athens	2 50 p m	6 05 a m
Ar Atlanta	5 50 p m	7 50 a m

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 40 p m
Ar Columbia	10 55 a m	1 50 a m
Ar Savannah	2 20 p m	5 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville	6 50 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa	6 45 p m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 35 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 55 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Portsmouth	8 00 a m	5 35 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 25 a m	11 15 a m
Ar Norlina	3 50 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Richmond	6 35 a m	4 15 p m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m	8 30 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passg'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M		A. M	A. M.
.....	8 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 22	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	8 37	8 50
7 03	7 07	Morehead City	7 23	7 27
P. M	P. M.		A M	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 22 tf S. H. HILL, Supt.

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From Wilmington for New York.

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CARIB.....Tuesday, Dec. 29
NAVAHOE.....Tuesday, Dec. 29

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dec 20 tf

To Excursionists.

The first thing you should do on your arrival in Wilmington is to have a clean, easy shave, or a stylish hair-cut, or a cool and refreshing shampoo. Possibly, you may need all of these comforts.

"The Favorite" Barber shop in the house.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 30.

ENGLISH COTTON SPINNERS.

Mass Meeting at Manchester—Measures Urged to Prevent Gambling—Resort to Short Time Recommended.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MANCHESTER, ENG., Dec. 29.—At a mass meeting of the cotton trade held here to-day a resolution was adopted strongly condemning "international cotton gambling, which has greatly injured trade, resulted in serious losses and lessened employment, thus bringing great distress," and also inviting the government to receive a representative deputation with the object of urging measures to prevent "gambling in cotton." The meeting was well attended by representative men.

C. W. MacAra, president of the Masters' Federation, in moving the resolution said the development of the cotton industry throughout the world had been such as to make it necessary, if the situation was to be effectively met, to form an international combination to reduce consumption. Want of foresight in allowing "combinations of gamblers" to assume gigantic dimensions before taking steps to counteract them by equally powerful combinations was responsible for the prevailing abuses. Legislation was required to deal with the present grave national danger.

Replies to the cable messages of inquiry, suggesting short time in the cotton trade, sent Dec. 15th, to the American and Continental associations engaged in the cotton trade, shows there were difficulties in the way of securing an international agreement.

The meeting further adopted a resolution recommending that the Masters Federation organize an immediate resort to short time, forty hours per week on the part of firms using American cotton, and also passed a resolution in support of the efforts of the British Cotton Association to increase the supplies of raw cotton.

THE PANAMA NEGOTIATIONS.

To be Conducted by Secretary Root During the Illness of Secretary Hay. Nothing Serious in Situation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The President has designated Secretary Root to conduct the Panama negotiations with General Reyes, of Colombia, during the illness of Secretary Hay.

This announcement was made after a long cabinet meeting held this afternoon at which Secretary Root laid before the President the details of his interview with the Colombian minister. Careful consideration was given to the Colombian note filed with the State Department by General Reyes, but it cannot be said that no answer yet has been made to it. Secretary Root informed Gen. Reyes this afternoon that the reply of this government was not ready, but that it would be given him as soon as possible. Secretary Root will give the response to General Reyes when a decision as to its precise nature shall have been reached.

No intimation of the contents of General Reyes' note or of the reply of this government is given from any authoritative source. It is known, however, that the administration regards the ratification of the treaty with the republic of Panama as the first step to be taken in the entire pending matter.

What this government may do subsequently will be determined, at least in part, by the circumstances then surrounding the case. Just now, it is said, authoritatively, there is nothing in the situation to arouse serious concern.

SEABOARD AIR LINE.

President Williams Says No Changes are Expected Before Directors' Meeting.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—John Skelton Williams, president of the Seaboard Air Line railway, was asked to-day regarding the reported impending changes in the official staff of that system, and said:

"No resignations have been offered or will be. The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Seaboard Line railway will be held by the board of directors within the next thirty days. No changes are expected to take place before that meeting. The members of the board are working together in entire harmony, and if any changes should be made they will be satisfactory to all concerned.

"The reports that there have been any hitches in the negotiations recently consummated with the Ryan-Coolidge interests are unfounded, and matters are moving along smoothly and satisfactorily."

AT WEST POINT, VA.

Postoffice Robbed—Considerable Money and $2,100 in Bonds Taken

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 29.—J. L. Garrett, the town watchman of West Point, was held up last night by three men armed with revolvers. They bound and gagged him, marched him to the postoffice, broke in the door, blew open the safe and robbed it of considerable money and a package containing $2,100 in bonds. Garrett was compelled to take a seat and witness the whole performance. The robbers escaped.

A cablegram says the steamer Lapsley is moored bottom-side up in the Congo river and that efforts to save her are being made. The craft foundered about eight weeks ago. She is the missionary boat of the Southern Presbyterian Church in the Congo Free State.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema nd Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

CORBETT-HANLON IN SAN FRANCISCO

A Hard Fight for the Feather Weight Championship of the World.

YOUNG CORBETT THE WINNER

Referee Graney Ordered the Fight Stopped in the Sixteenth Round — Hanlon Fearfully Punished—Was Unable to Walk.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Dec. 29.—A merciful referee probably saved Eddie Hanlon from being killed by Young Corbett to-night when he stopped their contest in the middle of the sixteenth round. For two rounds previous Referee Graney had begged Hanlon's seconds to take their man off the ring, but they kept the game youngster at it and finally Referee Graney, fearing that a fatality might result, ordered the fight stopped. No man ever received such terrific punishment in a San Francisco ring, and probably "Young Corbett" is the only man in the country who could administer such a beating to Hanlon. When the San Francisco boy was carried to his corner, still conscious but unable to walk, his seconds worked vigorously to revive him. The terribly beaten lad, however, commenced to vomit blood and things looked very serious for him for a short time. He was finally revived and was carried from the ring by one of his seconds.

The fight to-night demonstrated that Corbett is any man's superior in his weight. At no time during the contest was he in any apparent danger, and when it ended there was not a mark upon him. Hanlon's most peculiar and very effective defence was all that saved him from a knock-out early in the game. Even when he became tired and could not protect himself Corbett could not land a knockout blow. In the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds Corbett began to show what he could do. The men were allowed to fight in the clinches and Corbett, leaning his head against Hanlon's shoulder and with his arms free, would punch Hanlon in the stomach with his right and swing fierce short lefts on his jaw. That was the beginning of the end.

In the fifteenth Corbett backed Hanlon into a corner and when the San Francisco boy swung feebly Corbett swung two lightning lefts and Hanlon went down. He took the count of eight but struggled to his feet and again received the terrible punishment that Corbett was dealing out to him. It was then that Graney wanted the fight stopped.

The Corbett-Hanlon contest for the feather weight championship at Mechanics' pavilion to-night proved to be one of the greatest drawing cards in the history of the fighting game in this city. The vast auditorium, which has been the scene of so many notable pugilistic battles, was taxed to its capacity long before the bell clanged summoning the principals to action. The interest in the outcome was intense. Despite the fact that Hanlon in his previous encounter with the champion had somewhat the better of the bout and the well known propensity of the local sporting fraternity to allow sentiment to warp their judgment in contests participated in by local celebrities, Corbett was a pronounced favorite in the betting. Opening at odds of ten to eight a few days ago, the odds gradually shortened, owing to the weight of Corbett money, and when the lads entered the pavilion to-night, 2 to 1 was offered with the Denver crack on the long end. At these figures many large wagers were made at the ring side, there seeming to be no lack of Hanlon money in sight.

COUNCIL BLUFFS EXCITED.

Organized Plan to Lynch Negroes Charged With Criminal Assault—Taken to Penitentiary for Safe-Keeping.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, Dec. 29.—Neely Zimmerman and George Berk, the negroes who last night narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of an infuriated mob, were to-night taken to the State penitentiary at Fort Madison for safe-keeping. During the afternoon the men were taken before Judge Wheeler and waived preliminary examination. The judge signed an order for their removal.

During the day Sheriff Cousins learned of an organized plan to lynch Zimmerman and Burke to-night, and again made a request for a company of militia to guard the county jail. Feeling against the prisoners increased and during the afternoon small groups of men gathered in the vicinity of the jail to discuss the matter. Sheriff Cousins then decided that the safer course was to remove the men from the city and applied for an order of removal.

Four assaults within a week similar to those made on Mrs. Sparks and her daughter wrought up the working people of the city to a pitch of feverish excitement.

SINKING OF THE KIOWA.

Proceedings Instituted in the U. S. Court to Recover Damages.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Proceedings to recover $405,000 damages for the sinking of the steamer Kiowa by the steamer Admiral Dewey on December 26th were begun here to-day when proctors for the Clyde Steamship Company, owners of the Kiowa, filed in the United States District Court a libel against the American Steamship Company, owners of the Admiral Dewey. The proctors ask for $300,000 for the loss of the Kiowa, $100,000 for its cargo and $5,000 for the effects of its officers and crew. The libellants charge that the Admiral Dewey's officers were responsible for the loss of the Kiowa in having failed to provide a proper lookout or to sound the proper signals required in thick weather, and in not backing to avert the collision, and claim that the Kiowa, which had anchored on account of a heavy snow storm, had sounded all the proper signals required.

As a result of the high price of cotton 4,000 men, women and children, employed in textile mills in Philadelphia have been laid off indefinitely. This enforced idleness will continue until cotton quotations tumble.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get for your money is ten times more important. Burnett's Vanilla costs more because it is worth more.

THREE REVOLUTIONS IN SAN DOMINGO.

The City Barricaded—Attacked by Insurgents—Another U. S. Warship Sent to Minister Powell.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

SAN DOMINGO, Sunday, Dec. 27.—The insurgents are attacking this city, which is being defended by troops of the provisional government, who are now fighting in force.

A commission from San Pedro de Macroris, who has declared in favor of the insurgents, arrived here to-day and is demanding the surrender of San Domingo to the insurgent forces.

General Morales, the provisional president, is determined to resist to the limit all attacks by the insurgents. He left last night on the Dominican gunboat Independencia with the intention of attacking the insurgents in ports to the south.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—With three revolutions raging on the isthmus, the forces of Jiminez within four hours of San Domingo City, and excitement prevailing, Minister Powell thinks the situation demands the presence of an additional warship and in a cablegram dated yesterday appealed to the State Department for aid. In anticipation of the crisis which appears to have arrived the State Department had already taken steps to send another warship to San Domingo, and at its request Secretary Moody yesterday cabled Rear Admiral Lamberton, commanding the South Atlantic squadron, now at Trinidad, to dispatch one of his vessels to San Domingo.

Admiral Lamberton has cabled the Navy Department from Trinidad that he has sent the Scorpion to reinforce the Newport in Dominican waters.

SAN DOMINGO, Dec. 26.—The city of San Domingo is again being barricaded, this time against the forces of the new provisional government, founded at Azua de Compostela by General Pelletier, which are marching on the capital.

The financial position of the Morales government is bad. The officials find it difficult to obtain rations for the soldiers.

CASE OF SENATOR SMOOT.

Authors of the Charges Aginst Him May be Given an Opportunity to Prove Them.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Senator Burrows, who is chairman of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, which is conducting the investigation of the charges against Senator Read Smoot, of Utah, said to-day that the committee probably would meet on January 9th for continuation of the inquiry. While Senator Burrows has received no notification from Senator Smoot, he thinks it probable that the reply of the latter to the charges against him will be ready by the time mentioned. Senator Burrows would make no forecast of the proceedings of the committee. All depended, he said, upon the nature of the response. Before going to Salt Lake City, Mr. Smoot said that he would probably deny some of the charges and admit others, but nothing regarding his course has been heard since the adjournment of Congress for the holidays. If Mr. Smoot's denial is such as to challenge the authenticity of the information upon which the accusations are based, it is the opinion of some of the members of the committee that the authors of the charges will be given an opportunity to prove them, and in that event there would probably be a quite general investigation into the present-day practices of the Mormon Church with reference both to marriage and politics.

FIRE AT PITTSBURG.

Large Storage Warehouse Destroyed; Loss $200,000 or More.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 29.—For twelve hours, commencing at 6 o'clock this morning, thirteen companies battled with a stubborn fire in the six-story storage warehouse of Haugh & Keenan. Uncovered electric wires is given as the possible cause of the conflagration. The loss, according to James Keenan, president of the company, will not fall below $200,000 and may reach $700,000. The insurance will not cover more than one-tenth of the loss.

WARM WIRELETS.

The London *Telegraph's* St. Petersburg correspondent says the Imperial family expects the accouchment of the Czarina next Summer.

Miss Ethel Rovell, of Birmingham, Ala., who is said to be an heiress to a large fortune, has disappeared and relatives are anxious about her.

Official reports from various parts of Porto Rico show that cotton is spotting, due to the continued rains, and indicating a possible set back for the new enterprise.

J. A. McBeth, his wife and five-year-old daughter and his brother-in-law, Bert West, were burned to death in a fire at Ballinger, Texas. The property loss is $35,000.

A terrible explosion occurred at the LaFollette, Tenn., iron furnace early yesterday. Thomas Dial, a negro laborer, was killed and considerable property damage was done.

Miss Bethel Woodward, of Booneville, Ky., jumped from a southbound Cincinnati Southern train near Oakdale, Tenn., and was instantly killed. No cause is known for the deed.

The net personal estate of the late Henry B. Plant, amounts to $11,973,995, of which Mrs. Margaret Plant, the widow of Mr. Plant, will receive $3,947,000, and Morton F. Plant, his son and her step-son, $7,895,000.

L. F. Loree, late president of the Baltimore and Ohio, was yesterday elected president of the Rock Island Company of New Jersey, the holding company controlling the various railroads in the Rock Island system.

Oscar G. Murray, first vice president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, has been elected president of the company, succeeding L. F. Loree, who resigned to accept the presidency of the Rock Island company.

At a meeting of the Natchez, Miss., Cotton and Merchants' Exchange, a resolution, urging United States Senators McLaurin and Money to vote for the ratification of the Panama treaty as a business measure and to insure construction of an isthmian canal, was adopted.

Special sale for the next ten days, beginning December 29th to January 10th, 20 per cent. discount on all fancy grades left; 10 per cent. discount on all Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Lamps and Cut Glass. Don't miss this sale. F. A. Bissinger, The China Man, 119 Market street. †

DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE WILL BE WAR

French Government's View of Condition of Affairs Between Japan and Russia.

AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT.

Declares that the Japanese Note is Not an Ultimatum—Does Not Suggest Date Within Which a Reply Shall be Made by Russia.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—It was asserted authoritatively to-day that the French government does not believe that war between Russia and Japan will break out. It is declared that the Japanese note, which Russia is now considering, is not an ultimatum, and it is further asserted that it does not even suggest a date within which a reply shall be made by the Russian government. One of the diplomats accredited to Russia says the Russian government considers the Japanese reply to be "rather satisfactory."

It is said that there is no reason to believe that the negotiations will be interrupted by Russia's reply, but it is understood that they will continue until the details of an agreement are adjusted. Finally, it is generally said here that Russia will show her willingness to meet Japan more than half way, but along the lines already cabled to the Associated Press.

Japan's Preparation.

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—An emergency ordinance, promulgated last night, invests the government with practically unlimited credit for the purpose of military defence.

Three other ordinances were issued, relating, first, to the Seoul-Fusan railway, which is brought closer under official control; second, to the revision of the organization of the Imperial military headquarters in war time; third, to the creation of a war council in war time. These ordinances it is considered, completely provide for all emergencies.

Russian Artillery.

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—Twelve batteries of the four grenadier brigades of field artillery stationed in and around Moscow have been selected for service in the Far East and have received new guns, which the Russian artillerists claim are superior to the French field pieces. The early departure of three of these batteries is expected, which will place 108 field guns, with the latest equipment, at the disposal of Viceroy Alexieff.

No extensive movements of troops eastward have been reported here up to the present.

FIELD DAY FOR BEARS.

Break in the New Orleans Cotton Market. Prices Went Down Sixty Points.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—It was a field day for the bears in the cotton market to-day. After several futile attempts to break the market a panic was caused in some way or another and within ten minutes prices went down about sixty points or $3 a bale. This happened during the noon hour and for about half an hour the Cotton Exchange was in an uproar. Hundreds of longs were wiped out and their efforts to get out with as small loss as possible caused prices to go lower and lower. It was one of the worst stampedes of frightened longs ever seen in the local market and more than equalled the recent rush of shorts to cover at the reading of the last government report on the cotton crop.

MR. AND MRS. JONES' PARTY.

Magnificent Social Function Last Night at Airlie—Hundreds of Guests in Attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones gave the most brilliant social event of the season last night at their winter residence. "Airlie," on Wrightsville Sound. The decorations for the occasion were on a magnificent scale, and the features of the evening were a splendid ball and a banquet. An orchestra from Richmond, Va., furnished superb music during the evening.

Hundreds of the people of Wilmington were Mr. and Mrs. Jones' guests, having gone down last night on a special train which left the Front street station of the Atlantic Coast Line at 8:45 o'clock. The train returned to the city at an early hour this morning.

TELEPHONE MERGER.

New Company Organized and Officers Elected at Raleigh.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 29.—The Capitol Telephone Company was organized to-day in this city, with the following directors: Geo. W. Watts, Gen. J. S. Carr, L. A. Carr, Durham; D. I. Carson, J. W. Crews, Hunt Chipley, W. T. Gentry, Atlanta. Officers elected: W. T. Gentry, president; L. A. Carr, vice president; D. I. Carson, secretary and treasurer.

While the company permanently effects a merger of the Bell and Interstate local exchanges, it is generally understood that the new company has been formed for the purpose of consolidating the various telephone companies of the State.

NEGRO BURGLAR.

Shot and Perhaps Fatally Wounded Mrs. J. K. Orr, Near Charlotte.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 29.—A negro burglar to-day entered the home of John K. Orr, two miles from this city, and discovering Mrs. Orr alone, shot her, perhaps fatally, and then ransacked the house. Mrs. Orr's outcries attracted the attention of passers-by and the negro fled, leaving his booty behind him. Mrs. Orr is severely wounded and excitement is high.

— British steamer "Huelva," hence for Bremen, arrived out yesterday.

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BUSINESS LOCALS.

NOTICE For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpariel Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance

Wanted at Virginia House—Steady, sober gentlemen boarders. No others need apply. 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. dec 29 1m*

Mechanics' Home Association—New series opens Saturday, January 2nd, 1904. I will however receive dues and interest every day this week, except Friday, in any series. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. P. S.—Our association issues two series every year, one in January and one in July. dec 30 4t

Wanted—A position by young man as book-keeper or stenographer. Good reference. Address G, care STAR. dec 30 4t*

Vann's Cigar Store—Cigars by the box at wholesale prices, packed 12 and 25 in box, especially for the holidays. Nice line of pipes, cigar cases, holders, jars, etc. Lot of new brands just received. See them before buying. dec 23 tf

Wood for sale, car load lots. All kinds of wood. For further information apply to E. C. Applewhite, Cronly, N. C. dec 19 10t

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs repaired. Will be in town for a few days only. Address J. B. Farrar, No. 9 South Eighth street. dec 30 tf

For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 13 tf

Notice—I have this day sold my entire interest in the firm of Gaston D. Phares & Co. to Mary J. Phares, one of the members, and my connection with same firm will no longer exist. This December 9, 1903. J. C. Jones. dec 12 1m

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seller, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

The Only Restaurant, 108 Market street, is the only ladies' restaurant in the city. First-class in every respect. Open day and night. Terms reasonable. nov 12 tf

Let us put a new collar on your overcoat. Wilmington Pressing Club, 207 Market street. oct 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. B. Winstead's to-day, 213 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Offices for rent in The Worth Building—the most convenient business location in the city. Modern equipment. Apply to The Worth Co. feb 13 tf

Old newspapers, suitable for wrapping paper, for sale at reduced prices, in quantities. Apply at the office of THE MORNING STAR. ja 21 tf

Cuban Blossom

—AND—

RENOWN CIGARS.

These Cigars are better than ever

"SILVER COIN"

FLOUR.

It is the BEST ever ground; guaranteed.

H. L. Vollers.

A. C. L. Crossing.

jy 20 tf

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

Our line of Xmas Goods is all open and ready for your inspection and consists of all the latest and most popular Novels,

Illustrated Books, Pictures, Fountain Pens

and a large line of Fancy Goods. Call and see us at our New Store.

ROBT. C. DeROSSET,

The Stationeer.

de 13 tf 32 North Front St.

Southern Almanac

For Virginia and North Carolina. Price by mail 7 cents.

Circulation - - - 80,000.

Weather predictions without a rival. Special prices on application.

1904.....NEW.....1904.

Virginia State Gazetteer will be published Fall 1904—Price $5.00.

For further information address HILL DIRECTORY COMPANY, dec 23 tf Richmond, Va.

GROCERIES.

50 Bbls Stick Candy.
200 Cases Salmons.
100 Boxes Octagon Soap.
200 Bags Green Coffee.
100 Boxes Borax Soap.
100 Boxes Ark Soap.
100 Cases Sardines.
100 Bbls Mullets.
100 Bags Peanuts.
25 Bbls Mott's Vinegar.
20 Bbls Mott's Cider.

Molasses, Syrups and a complete line of Groceries and Tobaccos for sale at lowest prices.

SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS.,

oct 2 tf Wholesale Groceries, 18 Market Street.

AT THE

UNLUCKY CORNER.

The fullest and nicest line of SALTED FISH ever shown in the city. Mackerel from 8½cts to 35 cents each and oh! those 25 centers are high priced but so good, try one. Pickled Salmon, Bloater Herring, Mullets and Mullet Roe, Kippered Herring, Brook Trout Sardines, 5 to 40 cents a box, Deviled Sardines, Smoked Sardines, Sardines in Oil, Anchovy Paste Shrimps, Clams.

S. W. SANDERS.

Both Phones 109. de 27 tf

FOR SALE.

I own sixty building lots in the Southern portion of the City of Wilmington which I will sell for cash, prices ranging from $20 to $35. I will give warranty deeds for same. For further particulars you may see my attorney, Geo. H. Howell, at 118½ Princess street.

dec 27 1m MARY McI. HARRISS.

KEEP YOUR FEET DRY! WEAR

Rubbers.

You ought to see our latest with the thick extension heel; they wear twice as long as the ordinary kind.

Sold at

Solomon's Shoe Store.

dec 13 tf

Turner's N. C. Almanacs 1904.

Fancy and Office Calendars.

Blank Books and Office Stationery.

Remington Typewriters.

Globe-Wernicke Filing Cases.

Globe-Wernicke "Elastic" Book Cases.

Mimeographs and Neostyles.

Ring up Telephone No. 69 for anything you want in our line. Prompt service, lowest prices.

C. W. YATES & CO.,

dec 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Christmas : Footwear For Everybody.

Presents.

Be sure to save your tickets and get one. Bible, Dictionaries and other good Books, besides other articles of value actually given away

Our lines of General Footwear

Are better selected than ever before and we truthfully assert that we are giving more value for the money than we ever did at any time in the past.

Our Cash on Approval System

Still grows in favor, because it saves the purchaser a lot of money. Those who have tried it tell us so. We invite everybody to try it and be convinced.

We would gladly enumerate some of the many nice and tempting bargains awaiting you, but we have not the time to spare for that purpose. We only ask you to come and see. If any purchase is not satisfactory, kindly give us a chance to make it right with you. Largest stock we ever had of

Douglas Shoes for Men and Boys

also of Krippendorf-Dittman Co.'s for Ladies. Duttenhofer's still going at and below cost.

MERCER & EVANS CO.,

de 30 tf 115 Princess street.

FORTY TUBS FANCY

Renovated Butter.

Twenty-two Cents per Pound.

Ready for delivery this (Thursday) morning.

THE F. E. HASHAGEN CO.

dec 24 tf

NORTH CAROLINA

Rust Proof Seed Oats.

Excellent quality. Very low price.

We have some extra fine

Rough Rice,

suitable for seed.

BAGGING AND TIES.

Fish, Cheese, Crackers.

Grain and Hay.

Salt and Molasses.

Samples and prices on application.

THE WORTH CO.

oc 29 tf

NOTICE!

All persons are hereby warned against gathering, collecting or bartering in the bottles of the undersigned companies. The companies will not pay for collecting their own bottles and will not purchase bottles from any person or persons. Any person dealing in or selling any of the bottles belonging to the undersigned will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.
HOME BREWING CO.
GOTTLIEB BAUERNSCHMIDT STRAUS BREWING CO.

dec 24 1w

What is the nicest present to make a gentleman Xmas? Go to

HAMME, THE HATTER,

he will tell you.

Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.

dec 20 tf 24 Front Street.

We Try to Make All Hearts Happy on CHRISTMAS DAY.

First comes the little ones who wish Old Santa to bring them a bag of toys. Old Santa Claus has given us a great assortment of Toys to keep for him and we have them nicely displayed in our store where you can easily make your selection of whatever you may want. Little folks are cordially invited to come down and leave their order for Santa with us and we will have them filled to the best of our ability. Our assortment of Dolls is by far larger and better than we have ever shown before. We have a handsome line of hand-made Dolls that are beauties. Ladies who wish Dolls that are up-to-date, with real hair, can get them from us from $1 to $6 each.

In our men's clothing department we are making special efforts to sell clothing. Our stock was never better nor more complete. We have suits for everybody; suits that fit, and suits that wear. We sell Silverman's clothes that are equal to tailor-made suits, and the prices are right. We have them from $8 up $15. They have every point of excellence that tailor-made suits have—padding, lining, fit and style; the only difference is in the price, and that is in your favor. Why not save money? "A dollar saved is a dollar made." We have as good clothing as other merchants and sell it cheaper, mainly from the fact that we do not have to depend sorely on the clothing business; but it only represents one line among many others. We have good strictly all wool suits that we sell for $5, and good suits even cheaper if you desire them. A serviceable, well made suit as low as $3.98, $3.50 and $4.25. And overcoats, too; our sales have been wonderful. We have just received two large shipments of new coats; we can fit you up in a good coat for $5, and a splendid Oxford grey, all wool coat, full length and serviceable, at $6.50. Well, our $8 and $10 coats are beauties. We are making a special run on the boys' suits; we are selling $4 suits that are beautiful patterns, strictly all wool, for boys from 7 to 16 years old, for $2.98. A big line of boys' all wool pants, every seam taped and patent waist bands, as low as 50c a pair; something real nice in boys' pants at 75c, and something extra nice at 98.

Gents' Fancy Vests.

For the holiday season, buy a fancy vest. We have them in white and colors, $1.50 to $3 50 each.

Rain Proof Coats.

For heavy weather we have a rain proof, water tight coat that we are selling for $1.50 each. We have an elegant rubber coat made for cold weather that we are selling for $3.50 each. In our clothing department we carry a full stock of gents' furnishing goods, laundried and unlaundried shirts, white, grey and red flannel underwear. A full line of cotton fleeced underwear for 40c. and 50c. A full line of men's hosiery, fancy hose at 10c. a pair; 25c. imported hose at 12½c. a pair. Collars and a full line of gents' ties. We feel that our clothing department is equal to any of its kind in the city, where you can get anything you may want in that line.

Men's Hats.

We have recently made a large purchase in men's hats. We are selling a $1 25 hat for 75c; a $1.50 hat for $1; a $3 hat for $1.25. These hats are all new and stylish and are of the very best make. We bought them cheap and we are selling them cheap. Buy a hat from us and save money.

Our Millinery Department.

In this department you will find that we have lots of new ribbon for the Christmas trade. No. 1, in fancy colors, is the best quality of satin at 1c a yard, 10c a roll; we have a full line of No. 2 ribbon at 2½c a yard or 25c a roll; No. 5 ribbon at 40c a roll; No. 22 we sell at 10c a yard; Nos. 40 and 60 we sell at 15c a yard; No. 80 at 20c a yard; we have all kinds of ribbon for Christmas trade and we would be glad if you would give our stock a trial. In ladies' hats we have just received a nice line of silk and velvet hats; also a splendid assortment in scratch felt hats of the very latest shapes. We are selling silk hats at 75c each, the same that we sold for $1.25 and our fine velvet hats that are $2.25 values are $1.50.

Ladies' Cloaks.

In ladies' cloaks we have a big variety to show. New goods received almost every day by express. We keep them coming our way for their wraps and why? Because we sell them right. We punch cards with every cash purchase except for toys and give presents free. Get your card punched before Christmas so we can give you either a nice globe lamp, a nice oak table, a cane-seated rocking chair or a set of fine china, gold band, cups, saucers and plates, or a beautiful glass water set. These presents we give with a twenty-five dollar card. If you have no card, ask for one. Our presents are in thousands of homes in Wilmington and surrounding country and we would like to add you to the list at The Big Racket Store, 208 and 210 North Front street, Wilmington, N. C.

Geo. O. Gaylord,

PROPRIETOR.

dec 15 tf 208 and 210 North Front Street.

Visit Solky's New Store For Your CHRISTMAS GOODS.

YOU CAN FIND THE HANDSOMEST AND LARGEST LINE OF

XMAS GOODS,

such as Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Neckwear, Fancy Pajamas, Night Shirts, Percale Shirts, Madras Shirts, Umbrellas, Dress Suit Cases, Gentlemen's Travelling Bags, Full Dress Suits, Tuxedo Suits, Overcoats.

Sole Agent for the Celebrated Adler Gloves, every pair guaranteed.

Also a full line of Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats and Caps.

Our line of Suits and Overcoats consists of the Strouse Bros. High Art Clothing, and B. Kuppenheimer & Co.'s guaranteed Clothing. For style, fit and finish they are unsurpassed.

J. M. SOLKY & CO.,

Masonic Temple Building,

One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.

dec 19 tf

Do You Need a Tuxedo Suit for the Holidays?

If so, let us have your order at once.

We have many things to offer our friends and patrons, which would not only make handsome but useful Xmas Presents.

We are showing a swell line of Neckwear.

Have you seen our Dress Suit Protectors, Gloves, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Umbrellas and Canes.

M. H. Curran.

Merchant Tailor and Men's Furnisher, next door to Orton Hotel.

dec 16 tf

THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.,

No. 9 North Front Street.

From now till Christmas, it's only a few days, but each one of them is worth any two days of merchandizing.

All the great holiday stocks must be disposed of. The Books, the Dolls, the Toys, the Games, all the great host of fancy articles are to be sold. We carry nothing over.

Great crowds daily visit the store. Still greater crowds will follow. There's reason for it, and there's reason in it. Every counter and shelf is laden with these reasons.

Make this store the base of your holiday supplies and see how satisfactorily you will be served.

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

dec 5 tf

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business Nov. 17, 1903. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,121,992 44	Capital	$ 200,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	250,000 00	Surplus and net profits	104,288 20
Bank Building	29,000 00	Circulation	9 0,000 10
Cash on hand and in Banks	718 1-6 94	Deposits	1,997,149 98
	$2 229,665 98		$2,229,665 98

Comparative statement of deposits.
Nov. 17th, 1901, $972,808 88.
Nov. 17th, 1903, $61,164,000 05
Nov. 17th, 1903, $1,997,149 98.

H. C. McQUEEN, President.

J. V. GRAINGER, Cashier.

nov 21 tf